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For: Operating Substance Tank,  
especially for a Portable  
Handheld Work Apparatus

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Examiner: Matthew O. Savage

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Amendment

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on February 26, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as delineated  
below.


In the Drawings:

The drawings had been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a)  
because the S or Z shapes recited in claim 4 had not been shown.  
Accordingly, applicants propose to amend the drawings by  
adding FIGS. 6 and 7 as shown in the copy thereof submitted with  
this amendment. FIG. 6 shows a section view of a lamella having  
an S-configuration and FIG. 7 shows a section view of a lamella  
having a Z-configuration. The Examiner's approval of this  
drawing correction is respectfully requested.


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In the Disclosure:

On page 4, the paragraphs on lines 2 to 5 are amended and now read as follows:

-  -- FIG. 4 is a plan view of the first housing part of FIG. 3;  
FIG. 5 is a plan view of a second housing part configured as an attachment flange of a work tool;  
FIG. 6 is a section view of a lamella having an S configuration; and,  
FIG. 7 is a section view of a lamella having a Z configuration. --

On page 4, the paragraph starting on line 30 is amended and now reads as follows:

-  -- An inner filter wall 8 is formed on the wall 13 of the first housing part 6 as one piece. The filter wall 8 has an edge 30 which faces away from the wall 13 of the first housing part 6 and ends in a partition plane 14 between the first and second housing parts. The filter wall 8 is formed of small rod-shaped lamellae 11 arranged approximately parallel to each other. A narrow gap 12 is formed between each two mutually adjacent ones of the lamellae. An operating substance 15 passes therethrough from a first space 9 (a dirt space) into a second space 10 (a clean space). As especially shown in a plan view of the interior of the first housing part 6 in FIG. 4, the lamellae 11 are configured to have an S-shape or Z-shape in cross section as